

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 5, 8-12, 15, and 18-40 are pending in this application. Claims 3-4, 6-7, 13-14, and 16-17 have been canceled. Applicant has amended claims 1-2, 5, 8-12, 15 and 18-20. Applicant also has added new claims 21-40 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim Applicant's invention. No new matter has been introduced by way of these amendments. Please see, e.g., Figures 2-17 of the specification as filed and the accompanying descriptions thereof.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,774,660 issued to Brendel, et al. (hereinafter "Brendel").

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites, "the second computing device being configured to receive the first information packet from ... a second local-area network that bypasses the first local-area network." Independent claim 11, as amended, recites, "the second computing device receiving the first information packet from ... a second local-area network that bypasses the first local-area network." New independent claim 33 recites, "the second device is configured to bypass the first device when outputting a second information packet to the global computer network." New independent claim 37 recites receiving via a computing device "configured to receive the first information via a global computer network, a first router and a second local-area network that bypasses the first local-area network." The Examiner cites to a discussion of connecting the parts of a web site in a city through one or more LANS at column 20, lines 42-44 of Brendel as somehow corresponding to Applicant's first and second local-area networks and identifies server 51 as the first computing device and load balancer 70 as the second computing device. However, contrary to the Examiner's understanding, the cited portion of Brendel does not motive, teach, or suggest the recited bypassing particular local-area networks.

Specifically, column 20, lines 42-44 of Brendel states, "[t]he parts of the web site in a city may be connected locally through one or more LAN's, while being connected to other cities using a WAN." Brendel does not describe a first device receiving a packet from a second device over a first local-area network while bypassing a second local-area network from which the packet was received by the second device. Moreover, the illustrations in Brendel (see, in

particular, Figure 19) are inconsistent with the Examiner's interpretation of Brendel. Rather, Figure 19 shows the exact same LAN being used for all purposes.

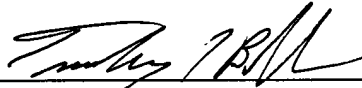
Accordingly, Brendel does not anticipate or render obvious independent claims 1, 11, 33, and 37. Similarly, because dependent claims 2, 5, 8-10, 12, 15, 19-32 and 34-36 and 38-40 incorporate these aspects by virtue of their dependencies, claims 2, 5, 8-10, 12, 15, 19-32, 34-36, and 38-40 also are not anticipated by or rendered obvious in view of Brendel for at least the reasons set forth above.

In the event the Examiner disagrees or finds minor informalities, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone interview to discuss the Examiner's issues and to expeditiously resolve prosecution of this application. Accompanying this Amendment is an Applicant Initiated Interview Request form in the event the Examiner does not agree that the claims are allowable over the cited references.

In closing, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter these amendments and to reconsider this application and its early allowance. The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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